

## HOUSE BILL NO. 708

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A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT AUTHORIZING FIRST-CLASS COUNTIES TO REGULATE FIREWORKS, SUBJECT TO VOTER APPROVAL; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE."

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

**NEW SECTION. Section 1. Regulation of fireworks.** (1) The governing body of a first-class county, as described in 7-1-2111, has the power to regulate or prohibit the explosion, use, or selling of fireworks, firecrackers, torpedoes, or other pyrotechnics within unincorporated areas of the county.

(2) An ordinance to regulate fireworks, firecrackers, torpedoes, or other pyrotechnics must be read and adopted by a majority vote of members of the county governing body present at two meetings of the governing body not less than 12 days apart. After the first adoption and reading, the ordinance must be posted and copies made available to the public.

(3) If a proposed ordinance meets the requirements of subsection (2), the governing body shall submit the ordinance to the vote of the electors of the county.

(4) The ordinance may not go into effect unless a majority of the electors voting on the ordinance vote in favor of its adoption.

**NEW SECTION. Section 2. Codification instruction.** [Section 1] is intended to be codified as an integral part of Title 7, chapter 33, part 22, and the provisions of Title 7, chapter 33, part 22, apply to [section 1].

**NEW SECTION. Section 3. Effective date.** [This act] is effective on passage and approval.

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